

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 22-29 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have now submitted a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing. Support for all of the sequences listed in the substitute Sequence Listing is found in the present application as originally filed, including the drawings. SEQ ID NOs: 1-28 are supported by the specification and are labeled therein. SEQ ID NO: 29 appears on page 7, lines 4 and 6. SEQ ID NO: 30 appears on page 26, line 31. SEQ ID NOs: 31-40 appear in descending order in Figure 5. SEQ ID NOs: 31 and 37 are repeated in Figure 6. SEQ ID NOs: 38-40 correspond to the unmutated sequences in Figure 10. No new matter has been introduced by the submission of the Sequence Listing and the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants note that original Figure 13 contained text in the French language and a typographical error in the plasmid name. Replacement Figure 13 corrects these errors, which are supported by the original Figure 13 and the description of the figures in the specification as filed. No new matter has been entered by submission of the replacement figures.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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